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The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European search report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

English translations of the foreign documents A4-A6 are not readily available; however English language abstracts are provided herewith the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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